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Dear Sir

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Since our previous submission to you on 4 May 2004, I enclose recent releases to the London Stock Exchange.

Increase of share capital - 6 May 2004

Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email to hornj@friendsprovident.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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FRIENDS PROVIDENT PLC

Increase of Share Capital

The Board of Friends Provident plc (the 'Company') announces that on 6 May 2004 the issued share capital of the Company increased to 1,723,627,288 ordinary shares of 10 pence each to satisfy the exercise of options under the Friends Provident Share Incentive Plan ('SIP').

Application has been made for admission of the 32,774 new ordinary shares to trading on the London Stock Exchange.

Under the Partnership Share element of the SIP, executive directors are able to acquire shares in the Company, in common with all eligible employees. They can do so by contributing for one year from September 2003, up to £125 per month or in lump sum payments up to £1,500 a year. Shares are purchased within 30 days of the contribution being made. Messrs G K Aslet, A R G Gunn, K Satchell and B W Sweetland have each elected to make a maximum monthly contribution. The Company has received notification from G K Aslet, A R G Gunn, K Satchell and B W Sweetland that, of the shares acquired by the Trustees of the SIP, they have each acquired 88 shares for the April contribution.

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